



# September 2018 Newsletter



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# Bible Study Opportunities!!

Bible Studies resume once again starting September 16<sup>th</sup> following our worship time. There will be two classes offered after worship. Enjoy 15 minutes of large group fellowship, grab more coffee and donuts and then choose a class that sounds the most interesting to you starting at 11:15 am. The fellowship can continue in class as you learn more about each other and about the Bible. Both classes accommodate Jr. High age up to adults of all ages!! Come delve a little deeper with one of the following classes:

# **Christian Education:**

With *The Wired Word*, discussions will come to life as current events are related to Scripture passages. Lessons will be more pertinent to modern Christian living, and group dialogue will focus on how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. This group is appropriate for ages Jr. High and up.

The second class will again be a Ray Vander Laan series titled, *God Heard Their Cry*. In ancient times, nothing was bigger than Egypt; powerful pharaohs, strong armies, and a multitude of gods. God's people were no match against the Egyptians. In this series, learn how God answers the cry of his persecuted people and proclaims himself Lord to them and their oppressors.

This group is appropriate for ages Jr. High and up.

\*If you have an idea for a bible study, or a desire to lead a class, please let Pastor Teresa or the Spiritual Growth team know.



Our regular Coffee Hour returns in September!! Volunteers will be needed to host. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you have never hosted before, and would like to work with a "seasoned veteran", please contact the office.



"The Believers" Youth Group is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They resume their meetings at 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 16th. Invite your friends and join us for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker if you have any questions.



Chancel choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 6 at 7:15 PM. Handbell choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 PM. We welcome anyone interested in joining our choirs this year. It's a great time to come out and have fun with friends! Looking forward to seeing you very soon.



We are in need of adults to teach Kinderchurch (Pre-school - 3rd Grade) during our Sunday morning worship service. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry for the youngest members of our congregation (even just one Sunday a month). We will supply you with everything that you need. Contact Julie Socha or the church office if you are willing to help.



# Double Coffee Hour!!

Gather for coffee both before and after worship, Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>.



Did You Know?...You are welcome to provide flowers for the sanctuary during worship service to recognize a special event, remember or honor a loved one or just because! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board near the office. Let the office know if you are recognizing an event or person

and we will print it in the bulletin.



# September 9-16 Volunteers are needed

Please sign-up at the volunteer table in the Narthex staffed by Shirley Sanborn, Sandy Tucker or Nancy Young, following worship.





The first meeting of the Priscilla Circle will be Thursday, September 27th, at 12:00 PM. This is an early starting time to allow us to begin with a potluck lunch. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to join us.

Our study book this year will be *The Faith Club: a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew - Three Women Searching for Understanding.* The book is available from amazon.com in Kindle format (which allows you to enlarge the type and brightness, etc.) as well as the print version, large print and audio. If you would like us to order a book for you, please contact Kathie Rhoads or the church office no later than Monday, September 10.



A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Our congregation keeps 25% of this Offering for local programs. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Use the special offering envelopes available in the pews or just indicate "Peace Offering" on the memo line of your check. The offering will be collected until October 7th (World Communion Sunday).



# World Communion Sunday - October 7th

"All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." (I Cor. 11:29) The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

# A Presbyterian Gift

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor (He conceived the idea while serving as GA Moderator in 1930).

World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

During WWII the spirit of the idea finally began to take hold. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort of coming together during a very difficult time. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

Please consider giving to the annual <u>Peace and Global Witness Offering</u> as we remember our connection to others in Christ.



















We will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, October 1rst, from 12:00 - 5:45 PM. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: Flushing Community or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).



# **Acolytes - All Ages Needed**

Have you noticed the Pastor lighting the candles during worship? She is setting a trend for the adult members of the church. Acolyting has been a service the children of the congregation performed. While we still want our children to be included in this aspect of service, we would now like to encourage adults to "take a turn." It is not difficult. Requires little training. Provides a crucial element of worship. Is a once-in-a-while commitment. Please contact the office, or sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to be an acolyte. Thank you for taking a turn.



The invitations have been sent, the preparations are being finalized! Join us on Saturday, October 27th as we celebrate 60 years of ministry at Flushing Presbyterian Church. Please send your RSVP, along with your payment, to the church by October 1, 2018. We are looking for your photos, articles, and memories to be included in a montage for the evening's program. Please deposit items in the box labeled in the Narthex.



# From Mary Graham...

A hearty thank you to my fellow church family who sent cards and made phone calls and said prayers for my recovery. I am glad to report I'm looking less like Frankenstein's wife every day. I hope to see all of you soon. It's nice to receive cards instead of always sending them. Bless You All.





# September 2

**Communion Preparer:** Maxine Allen

Communion Servers: Gary & Shirley Albert,

Flowers:

**Sound Board Operator:** Brett Albert **Ushers:** Sharon Donaldson, Karen Howe

Lay Leader: Lynette Daig Welcome Desk: Kathy Lescelius

September 9

Fellowship Hosts: Spiritual Growth/Karen Howe

**Flowers:** 

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

Ushers: Loretta Hudson, Mike & Sylvia Keeler

Lay Leader: Sylvia Keeler Welcome Desk: Natalie Lucas

**Acolytes:** Sochas

September 16

Fellowship Hosts: Spiritual Growth/Sandy Tucker

Flowers:

Sound Board Operator: Randy Socha

Ushers: Vonnie Koehn, Kathy Lescelius, Carole Noye,

Kelli Peter

Lay Leader: Bruce Coxworth Welcome Desk: Kathy Miller

**Acolytes:** Howes

September 23

Fellowship Hosts: Spiritual Growth/Julie Socha

**Flowers:** 

**Sound Board Operator:** Scott Tucker

Ushers: Kathy Miller, Dan & Flora Radspieler, Roy

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Lay Leader: Carol Dulin Welcome Desk: Kelli Peter Acolytes: Kelli Peter

### September 30

Fellowship Hosts: Dual Coffee Hour/SG/Mike Keeler

Flowers:

**Sound Board Operator:** 

Ushers: Dennis Sanborn, Randy Socha, Scott & Sandy Tucker

Lay Leader: Julie Socha

Welcome Desk: Shirley Sanborn

Acolytes: Nancy Young



# September

- 1 Michael R
- 6 Sandy & Scott Tucker
- 10 Scott Tucker
- 11 Maxine Allen
- 13 Joan Russell, Emily & Jim Wiley
- 14 Blair A
- 15 Steven & Christine Cooper
- 17 Samantha Allred-Hirzel
- 18 Dave Blanton
- 19 Carole Tucker, Angie & Jay Shaw
- 24 Barb Hogan, Mary Ellen Zellers
- 25 Kaye Barnett, Sue Gauger, Shaina Walther
- 26 Gina & Jeff Rumsey
- 27 Shirley Sanborn
- 29 Katilyn R, Nancy Young



Average 2017 Collections	\$3,239
Average July Collections	\$2,977
Average 2016 Collections	\$3,230
Average needed for 2017 Budget	\$3,663



Many Thanks...

To the Members of Flushing Presbyterian Church...

Christian Anderson sends his thanks for hosting his concert. "It was a blessing..., a nice turnout and people were generous! I hope many hearts and lives were touched by Jesus."

Presbyterian Mission- The gifts of our contributions has provided the following support: \$500 for Shared Mission Support; \$142.95 for the Hunger Fund; \$164.71 for Cent-Ability; and \$450 for Michael & Rachel Ludwig (Missionary Co-Workers).

Presbyterian Mission/Special Offerings- Our support of the Pentecost Offering collected \$430.84.





**September 3:** Ex. 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;

Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28

**September 10:** Ex. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14;

Matt. 18:15-20

**September 17:** Ex. 14:19-31; Ps. 114 or Ex. 15:1b-

11, 20-21; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

**September 24**: Ex. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45;

Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

# Flushing Presbyterian Church 2018 Session

Budget & Finance

Dick Barnett Kelli Peter

Community Outreach

Bruce Coxworth Sylvia Keeler

Member Care

Sharon Donaldson Sandy Snyder

Property Team

Don Rowley

Scott Tucker

Spiritual Growth

Karen Howe

Julie Socha

# ONGOING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Book & Breakfast Club** meets at 9:30 AM on the first Friday of the month at Liberty Restaurant. All are welcome!

Bread 4 Life is a feeding program that provides weekend food for students that have been identified by the Flushing Schools as needing such assistance. Our church provides a portion of the funds for this project. Volunteers pack the bags at 5 PM on Thursdays, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Coutant Street. If you are willing to help, please contact Dennis or Shirley Sanborn.

**Card Ministry...**Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and blank note cards are collected for our ongoing card ministry. Please deliver cards to the church office.

**CD copies of our worship services** are available to those who are unable to attend worship on Sunday. Please contact the church office.

**FCOC** (Flushing Christian Outreach Center) One of the ways we support the Outreach Center is by collecting food and personal care items. The collection basket is located by the kitchen door.

**LIFT** (Ladies In Fellowship Together) is a group that meets for fellowship among all ladies of the church. Trips are planned throughout the year for all ages to enjoy.

Men's Fellowship/Bible Study...This group meets for breakfast and study at 8:30 AM on Thursdays at Liberty Restaurant on Pierson Road. (September through May) All men are welcome.

Music Opportunities...The Chancel Choir (Vocal choir) has rehearsals at 7:15 PM on Thursdays and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays (September through May). Please contact Marilyn Schmoak for information on these choirs.

The Noisy Offering is collected by the children of the congregation on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is part of "Two Coins a Meal" that funds hunger programs.

**The Prayer Shawl Group** meets in the church at 10:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month.

**The Priscilla Circle** meets at the church at 1:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month for fellowship and study. All women are invited to attend.

Ronald McDonald House... Aluminum tabs from beverage containers are collected and donated to the *Ronald McDonald House* in Ann Arbor to help support families who stay there while their children are hospitalized at the Children's Hospital.

**Session Teams...**All members are invited to serve as "at-large" members on our Session Teams: Spiritual Growth, Community Outreach, Member Care, Property and Budget & Finance. The church office can put you in contact with the team chairperson.

**Soup Kitchen...**Volunteers work at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint on the second Tuesday of each month, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Contact Marian McTaggart with any questions.

**Women's Evening Fellowship Group** will be held at 6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month (September through May). Join us at Pastor Teresa's home for fellowship, conversation and study!

**Youth Group (The "Believers")** is for teens in grades 7 through 12. They meet at 6:00 PM on Sundays for fun, fellowship, study and mission projects. Contact Sandy or Scott Tucker.

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**Perpetual Book Sale...**Gently used books can be donated for this sale. Proceeds will be given to local missions. Refer questions to Carol Dulin or the church office.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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Pallet Painting Party...Oct. 5th in Fellowship Hall from 6-9PM. If you missed the last one, or you had so much fun you would like to do it again, join us for this evening out. This is a prepaid order event, orders will be due by Sept. 28. See Karen Howe for details.



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# Thursday, September 6

7:15 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin

# Sunday, September 16

11:15 AM - Christian Education Classes Begin 6:00 PM - Youth Group Resumes

# Sunday - Saturday, September 9-16

Family Promise

# Wednesday, September 19

6:30 PM - Handbell Choir Rehearsals Begin

# Thursday, September 27

12:00 PM - Priscilla Circle Potluck Luncheon





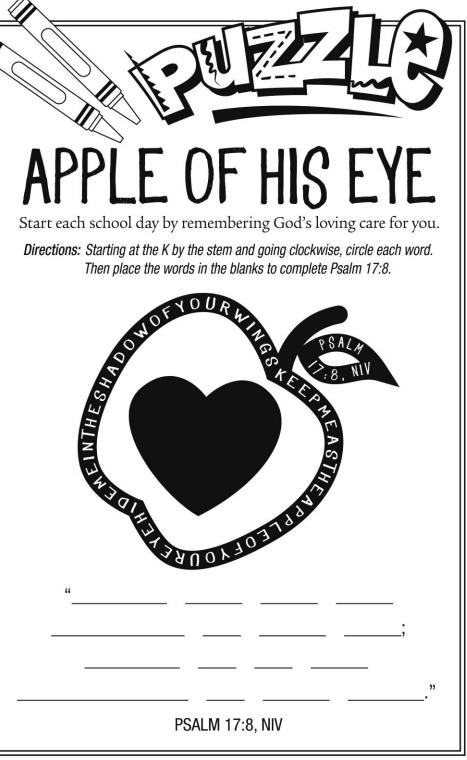
These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

# What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

### What you do:

- Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
- 2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
- 3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV